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SARAH PENNINGTON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Volunteer firefighter Winston Woehl was recognized during the Fort Erie Fire and Emergency Services Awards. He is pictured here with his wife, Gail, and son, Station 3 District Chief Doug Woehl. For the full story see page 13.



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After the driver of a car drove into a garage and started a fire Monday morning, a portion of Ridge Road between Garrison Road and Bertie Street was closed so an investigation could be conducted by police and the office of the Ontario Fire Marshal.



BLAKE FARNAN/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Emergency Medical Services and the Fort Erie Fire Department were called to the corner of Ridge Road and Garrison Road after the driver of a car drove into a garage and a fire ignited at 1:40 a.m. on Monday.

Man dead after car crashes into garage, goes up in flames

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

A 46-year-old Fort Erie man is dead after his car crashed into a garage and that subsequently went up in

flames early Monday morning.

Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Emergency Medical Services and Fort Erie Fire Department were called to the corner of Garrison and

Ridge roads in Ridgeway at 1:30 a.m. Police said investigators determined the man was alone when he was driving his 2003 Pontiac Sunfire south on Ridge Road North toward Garrison Road.

The car failed to negotiate a curve in the road and entered onto the east shoulder.

The vehicle then crossed back across both lanes of traffic where it struck a detached garage on the west side of the road. The impact resulted in a fire that spread between the vehicle and the garage.

NRP Sgt. Rich Gadreau said the driver was pronounced

dead at the scene.

He said the name of the driver is not being released because an investigation is ongoing.

The incident remains under investigation by the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Ontario Coroner's Office and the NRP collision reconstruction unit.

A portion of Ridge Road between Garrison Road and Bertie Street was closed Monday morning and reopened later in the afternoon, Gadreau said.

It's not yet known to police what caused the driver to lose control of his vehicle.

Firefighters had the blaze put out in under 20 minutes, fire Chief Larry Coplen said.

Police said both the car and the garage were completely destroyed in the fire. Damage is put at \$60,000.

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New bridge a path to better times in Bridgeburg

AUSTIN GOODER

Special to the Fort Erie Times

Bridgeburg business owners are keeping a positive attitude about the area's prospects during the Central Avenue bridge closure.

Construction on the new bridge initially began in March of 2015, but the existing bridge remained open to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The bridge was fully closed last

Monday when contractors began removing the remaining sidewalk crossing from the bridge structure.

Julie Brady, chairwoman of the Bridgeburg Business Improvement Area, concedes that while conditions aren't the best, businesses in Bridgeburg are looking forward to the changes being made to the Central Avenue access to the area.

"You're seeing these changes that are coming like a new streetscape, new garbage bins, and it's starting to look like it's going to be beautiful," said Brady, who operates Regional Limousine on Jarvis Street.

Fellow Jarvis Street business owner Lesley North, doesn't believe the area has been affected by the bridge closure.

"If you look at the number

of cars on Jarvis, I'd say no, it isn't hurting anything."

Brady agrees and suggests that while Central was the easiest way into Bridgeburg, there are two other easily-accessible routes that don't take much more in the way of time.

Last Friday, there were only four empty parking spots along the entirety of Jarvis Street at 10 a.m.

North runs Venus Jewelers near the river, and she's look-

ing forward to seeing the finished product.

"In the long run, so that bridge's going to be so much better."

Brady and North both see the construction as a necessary part of bettering the area.

"To get something, we have to give something in return," said North.

Ward L. Coun. George McDermott has been impressed by how patient

business owners in Bridgeburg have been with the process.

"I think they're fully understanding of what we're going through, and the difference it's going to make."

McDermott believes the new bridge and resulting changes to the streetscape will create a "new dynamic" in the North End.

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AUSTIN GOODER/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

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Lack of information derails SPCA contract

AUSTIN GOODER
Special to the Fort Erie Times

A vote to approve a contract between the Town and the Fort Erie SPCA was derailed last Monday after councillors deemed they had not received sufficient information about the contract from town staff.

Councillors said town staff hadn't included the shelter's five-year financial plan in the report provided to councillors last week.

The vote to approve the contract was expected to follow a speech from SPCA board chairman Martha Lockwood, who updated council on the SPCA's status.

During council, Ward 1 Coun. George McDermott said the lack of adequate information from staff was "not fair to the people from the SPCA".

McDermott asked Town staff why council hadn't been provided with a full information package.

Ward 6 Coun. Chris Knutt motioned for council to postpone voting on the contract

until the next council-in-committee meeting on May 2.

Mayor Wayne Redekop, who had one part of the budgetary information provided, inquired into the SPCA's \$110,000 operating surplus from the past two years.

Of note to Redekop was the SPCA's plan to raise staff wages to Regional levels.

He said he wondered why the organization had not already closed the wage gap with such a significant operating surplus.

Wendy Trombley, office manager at the SPCA, said organization is always looking to improve their facilities and services, so having a surplus allows them to make those upgrades possible.

"We've been updating our shelter, and we added 600 square feet and two free roaming cat rooms," Trombley said.

"We want to keep our shelter updated and current, and comfortable for our animals."

She believes that keeping updated and ahead of provincial regulations gives the SPCA breathing room for things like staff training or

even surgical costs for pets.

Because the SPCA answers to several authorities, it is important they keep several regulations in mind.

"We answer to the Town, to the OSPCA and to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs."

According to Trombley, the surplus the SPCA currently runs isn't necessarily money from their contract with the Town.

The SPCA operates as two distinct but unified parts. They act as a humane society for animals, and also animal control officers under their contract with the town.

"We're a humane society, which we fundraise for," she said.

The SPCA currently fundraises through efforts from staff and volunteers.

This includes their annual Tribute Concert, Walkathon and cage sponsorships.

Trombley acknowledged the Fort Erie SPCA's wage disparity, but she said every effort is being made to bring those wages up to regional levels.

SPCA staff are highly

trained and are deserving of appropriate wages, but the small market nature of Fort Erie, and the prioritization of animal welfare means that staff wages can't just be ramped up. They must instead be raised gradually.

In an effort to make the facilities comfortable for animals of all shapes and sizes, the organization is presently looking at ways to increase the size of their dog run on the premises.

They also plan on installing a tunnel between their two free-run cat adoption rooms to allow the cats a broader area in which to wander and exercise.

"We're always trying to make things better for the pets," Trombley said.

Surpluses also give the SPCA an ability to pay for expensive surgeries for animals brought into the shelter.

Recently, they paid for a dog to have breast cancer surgery.

"It lets us do things for these animals rather than just euthanize them," she said.

"It's always about the animals."

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Kittens such as this one at the Fort Erie SPCA benefit from the services provided through donations made by the public. This kitten was still up for adoption at the SPCA as of Monday.



AUSTIN GOODER, SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Colloquially named Mr. Grumpyface, this cat has been the beneficiary of a lifesaving surgery paid for by the Fort Erie SPCA. Mr. Grumpyface is still up for adoption as of Monday.

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News Briefs

Town to raise flag in support of Community Living month

Town staff will raise a flag in celebration of a unique organization that's helping make Fort Erie an inclusive community on May 2.

May will be celebrated as Community Living month in Fort Erie and across the province as towns step to recognize the essential services Community Living provides.

Kali Sheridan, a self-advocate, has been using Community Living Fort Erie services for three years.

During a council meeting Monday, she told councillors that Community Living has given her a voice in the community, and helped her find inclusion.

Community Living has empowered her to look for a job and pursue hobbies like reading, gardening and cycling.

The organization has also helped Sheridan find the money she needs to live.

"I believe that people with special needs can do the same things as everyone else," said Sheridan.

Community Living Fort Erie's mission statement is to help people with intellectual disabilities overcome societal barriers that prevent them from accessing important societal functions like socialization and engagement.

Their site reads "Inspiring possibilities in a community that only sees abilities."

Sheridan is thankful for those possibilities, and told to council chambers to share her successes with council.

"Community Living Fort Erie has helped me reach goals and be included. I am proud of what I have completed with their help," Sheridan said.

Council supports pre-clearance project

Council voted to support a

proposed pre-clearance zone at the Peace Bridge Border Crossing after Ward 3 Coun. Kim Zanko urged councillors to do so during a council meeting Monday.

Both the Canadian and U.S. federal governments have expressed support for the project that was recently piloted in Fort Erie in 2015.

The pilot included a series of pre-check stations on the Canadian-side of the bridge that allowed truck cargo to be cleared before entering the bridge, which eased congestion and creates a smoother flow for traffic on the bridge deck.

A report from U.S. Customs and Border Protection suggested that wait times for commercial transport crossing the Peace Bridge could be cut by as much as 75

per cent during busy summer months.

The same report does say that the changes in traffic may not be so drastic during other periods where truck travel is at its yearly peak.

A joint statement made by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. President Barack Obama, suggested that a pre-clearance agreement would "further enhance our countries' mutual security and facilitate low-risk cross-border movement in all modes of travel."

While no pre-clearance policy has been put in place, Fort Erie still has a vested interest in seeing such policy be enacted.

Regional Councillor Sandy Amunizala said that the Region has also expressed a strong interest in making this

prospective change a reality. No timetable for policy implementation is currently in place.

Clarification

In an article featured in the Fort Erie Times last week, it was reported that the Town of Fort Erie awarded a contract to Allen Tree Service for the removal of ash trees on private property. The article should have specified that the contract was for trees on Town-owned property.

The contract was approved by council during last week's council meeting.

The town is remaining vigilant against the Emerald Ash Borer beetle, an invasive Asian species of beetle that burrows into Ash trees and kills them.

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Point of View

We are fortunate to have volunteer firefighters

Unless we've walked in their shoes, we can't know what it's like to be a firefighter, a first responder in many emergencies, including the too-many serious and fatal collisions on our roads.

We can't know what it's like to search a burning home, not sure what we might find inside.

We can't begin to think about arriving on the scene of a traffic collision and know someone is going to be told their loved one isn't coming home. Worse yet, arriving to find someone we know, maybe even a family member. Whoever it is, we fear someone may have lost a husband, wife or a child, mother or father, knowing there is nothing we can do, no way to ease the pain, and understand life for that family is about to change in a way they could never have imagined. Probably we'd be imagining what it would be like if it was our loved one, our husband or daughter who would never be coming home again, and wanting to go home to hug them, to keep them safe.

We can't begin to understand how our firefighters, people who have jobs, family and social lives just like ours, volunteer to drop everything at a moment's notice to respond to a call, never sure of what will greet them at the other end - a dangerous fire or a false alarm, a tragic traffic fatality or someone needing medical attention, their lives depending on help arriving quickly.

We can't comprehend what it

would feel like to hold someone's child as they take their last breath, unable to help them in any other way, and the next day go back to the office to carry on as if nothing had happened.

Our firefighters do all that and still they find ways to give even more of themselves. Many of our volunteer firefighters give back to the community by donating their time to help with festivals, organize events for families and they fundraise for many projects. Many of them are members of other service organizations. It's amazing to see all of the things they do for others.

We can't know what they go through, we can only try to understand and appreciate what their jobs are like and what they do for us.

That's why Saturday was such a special day. It was a day that the fire department took some time to say thanks to our volunteer firefighters during a dinner and awards presentation at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

Firefighters were awarded pins for five to 40 years of service.

Although many people came out to show their support, one night a year just doesn't seem like enough to honour those brave men and women that protect our community.

Thank you to all of the people that miss time with their own families, sometimes get very little sleep and give up so much of themselves to keep our community safe.

We are fortunate indeed.

Do you remember?

Unfortunately, last week's photo of the woman demonstrating the deployment of an airbag brought no calls or e-mails. Remember it is never too late to give us a call about this or any previous Do You Remember photo. That information will go into the Fort Erie Historical Museum's permanent archives.

We have great hopes that someone will recognize the lovely couple who are cutting their wedding cake in this week's photo. Or even better, we would love a call from anyone involved in that wedding. You can reach us at 905-894-5322 or by e-mail museum@forterie.ca



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Remembering the meadowlark

I remember it well. Just a young lad at our Garrison Road home. My cat Whitey had brought a dead bird and laid it near our chicken house.

Thanks to the late naturalist Bert Miller I recognized a meadowlark in the open fields of the west of us we had many meadowlarks and bobolinks.

You could hear the meadowlarks clear, mellow whistle - "see-ya, see-you". As we walked those fields we would hear a loud rattling warning note.

Soon a meadowlark would rise up.

I learned that the local farmer who cut the fields that had lots of clover destroyed many nests by



mowing.

We were told unless it was too late in the season they might nest again.

Come fall migration time our meadowlarks would band together in groups of around ten.

Remember the bird's breast, bright yellow crossed by a black "V".

See any lately? I did.

Before I had my Rambler electric scooter we would park our car on Centralia Avenue and walk the

Friendship Trail to the bridge on Six Mile Creek. My goal then as now was to listen to bird songs and to see basking mud turtles. This bright sunny morning, no turtles.

Often we would see a pair resting on a floating board. From late April to October our turtles travel along this creek, so stop and take a look.

In other areas, creeks and ponds dry up.

That's when our mud turtles may move overland. I have seen dead and injured mud turtles on Erie Road over the years.

I have encountered angry Snapping Turtles. No fooling with them.

The Audubon group does as follows: Mud turtles are mild-tempered, while

others are feisty and do not hesitate to bite. So enjoy our Mud Turtles up close.

Underside yellow to brown as I recall. Unbelievable! Saturday, April 17th about 100 boat trailers at Crystal Beach launching Park. Why? Obvious. The perch were running.

Tony of Port Colborne had arrived early to launch. His boat did well. "90 good-size perch", he said.

Tony was in a group of fifty plus boats near Waverly Beach on Lake Erie.

Tony is a professional fisherman and always seems to do well. Wife and I love perch dinners. Is there a message here?

Mother's Day! It's a good time to honour your mother

both living and deceased.

In nature we see again and again the protective life style of mothers. In humans love your mother with many acts of kindness to her and others in her name.

Earl Plato is a Fort Erie resident, local historian and nature lover.



Mud turtles at Six Mile Creek.

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Health Corner

FAQ answered

Question 1: My dentist tells me to come in for a cleaning once every three months. I don't understand why?

Answer 1: All medical conditions are expressed on a person based on their susceptibility to that condition. For example, we all know that some people are more prone to develop heart disease more than other people. That may be because of genetics, age, gender, and history of their life style. Similarly, periodontal disease (gum disease) is expressed in a different fashion based on one's susceptibility. For example, if you have history of gum disease in your family, you will be more likely to develop gum disease. People who are prone to gum disease, tend to develop the disease earlier and more aggressively. And if they already have it, the progression tends to be more rapid.

So dentists will recommend



Dr. John Inigo

the frequency of hygiene visits based on one's susceptibility (usually by assessing the bone loss history, degree of inflammation, family history, etc.). American Academy of Periodontology recommend 3 month visits for those who are at higher risk for gum disease. That is because their system cannot fight the bacterial attack as well as those who are not at a higher risk.

Question 2: My dentist showed me a cracked tooth. Can I wait and not do treatment right now?

Answer 2: Not all cracks lead to a fracture or split. But often they do at some point. The

problem is that no one knows which one will turn into a split or fracture. In many occasions, a split and fracture lead to unfortunate tooth loss if the large amount of structure is damaged. Whether you wait or do something, there is no right or wrong answer. If you cannot accept the possibility of losing a tooth, you will be better off doing something to lower that chance. If you can accept the possibility, then you can certainly wait. Your dentist will help you either way as long as you know the outcome of your decision.

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: TOWN OF FORT ERIE

File No. 350309-0412

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law No. 49-2016** on the 25th day of April, 2016 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **18th day of May, 2016**, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the **Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.ca**.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law No. 49-2016 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map from "General Commercial C2 Zone" to "General Commercial C2-555 Zone".

The lands shown on the location map are zoned "General Commercial C2-555 Zone". These lands shall comply with all of the provisions of By-law 129-90 as amended that relate to the lands zoned "General Commercial C2 Zone" except for the following:

• No Maximum lot coverage

• Minimum Yard

1. Where the yard abuts a Commercial Zone and access is available to the rear yard by a public or private lane, minimum nil;
2. Where the yard abuts a Commercial Zone and no access is available to the rear yard except by means of the side yard, one yard shall have a minimum width of 4.0 m, the other yard shall have a minimum width of nil;
3. Where the yard abuts a street minimum 0.5 m; and
4. Where a yard abuts any residential zone minimum 7.5 m.

• Minimum Rear Yard

1. Where the yard abuts a Commercial or Industrial Zone and access is available to the rear of the building on the said lot by means of a public or private lane, minimum nil.
2. Where the building contains residential accommodation of one or more storeys in height, minimum 0.5 m.



3. Where the yard abuts any Residential Zone, minimum 7.5 m.
4. Where the yard abuts a street, minimum 0.5 m.

• Maximum Building Height- 4 storeys

• Minimum Landscaped Open Space -10%

• Parking and Parking Garage

1. To be located and accessed behind the front face of the building (Erie Road and Eastwood Avenue).
2. On and off-site parking permitted.
3. No parking required for commercial uses.

• Minimum Setback for covered parking structure under occupied structure- 0.5 m

• Roof Pitch- 1 m in height to every 5 m in depth.

• Urban Design

1. Porches/Balconies to be provided on the front face of Erie Road.
2. An entry feature is required to the building. A main front door is required along Erie Road.
3. Windows and doors must be arranged symmetrically along the front façade.
4. The entry must be raised above grade.
5. Upper Level windows should be embedded in the roof slope in the form of dormers.

- Location of dwelling unit allowed in the same building as the permitted commercial use(s) and in other than the basement or cellar. Dwelling units shall be permitted to occupy a maximum of 49% of the ground floor area of buildings, provided that no part of such dwelling unit, except for the entranceway has frontage onto a public street.
- Residential Open Space - A minimum of 3 sq.m. of open area by way of private open air balconies shall be provided on-site for the exclusive use of each dwelling unit.
- Ingress and egress, to and from the required parking spaces and areas, shall be provided by means of unobstructed driveways or passageways at least 3.0 m, where only one-way traffic is permitted and have a minimum width of 6 m but not more than 12 m in perpendicular width where two-way traffic is permitted.

- These lands may also be used for apartment dwellings subject to the following provisions:

o Minimum Lot Area- 40 sq.m. per unit

o Minimum Lot Coverage- No maximum

o Minimum Front Yard Setback- 0.5 m from Schooley Road

o Minimum Side Yard Setback- 7.5 m from northerly residential zone

o Minimum Exterior Side Yard Setback- 0.5 m from Erie Road

o Minimum Rear Yard- 0.5 m from Eastwood Avenue

o Maximum Building Height- 4 storeys

o For every lot on which the buildings or structures are situated, there shall be provided and maintained on the lot at least 10 percent of the lot area as a landscaped area unused for access or maneuvering space or parking space or any other purpose other than landscaped area and playground

o Roof Pitch- 1 m in height to every 5 m in depth.

o Parking on the lot permitted in side yard only behind the front face of the building fronting onto Erie Road and on and off-site parking permitted

o Minimum Setback for covered parking under occupied structure- 0.5 m

Urban Design

o Porches/Balconies to be provided on the front face of Erie Road.

o An entry feature is required to the building. A main front door is required along Erie Road.

o Windows and doors must be arranged symmetrically along the front façade.

o The entry must be raised above grade.

o Upper Level windows should be embedded in the roof slope in the form of dormers.

- No driving lane shall be closer than 1.5 metres to any lot line abutting any Residential Zone.

- These lands may also be used for townhouse dwellings subject to the following provisions:

o Minimum Front Yard- 0.5 m from Schooley Road

- o Minimum Exterior Side Yard -0.5 metres from Erie Road
- o Minimum Setback from Residential Zone- 3 m
- o Minimum Rear Yard-7.5 m for units fronting onto Eastwood Avenue and 0.5 m from Eastwood Avenue for units fronting onto Erie Road
- o Maximum Building Height- 3 stories fronting onto Erie Road and 2 storeys fronting onto Eastwood Avenue
- o Minimum Distance between buildings on same lot- 6 m, except 3 m between end walls and 6m between an end wall and a rear wall
- o Maximum Density- 60 units/ha
- o Maximum Lot Coverage-70%
- o Minimum Landscaped Area-5% for block townhouses and 30% for street townhouses
- o Notwithstanding the yard requirements above, every dwelling unit shall have at least one area which serves as a privacy area adjacent to the dwelling unit, having a minimum depth of 3 m or by way of open air balcony or patio.
- o Parking and Parking Garage to be located behind the front face of the building for units fronting onto Erie Road and 6 m to the garage for lots fronting onto Eastwood Avenue.
- o Minimum Setback covered parking under occupied structure- 0.5 m
- o Roof Pitch- 1 m in height to every 5 m in depth.
- o Distance from building to internal driveways and parking areas- Any front or rear face of any townhouse shall be no closer than 0 m to an internal driveway or parking area, and any side of any townhouse shall be no closer than 0 m to an internal driveway or parking area
- o Planting strips- 0 m

Urban Design

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- o Upper Level windows should be embedded in the roof slope in the form of dormers.
- Porches, balconies, and patios may project into required yards in residential zones as follows:

	Height of Platform		
	0 m to 0.5 m Above grade (uncovered)	Between 0.5 m and 1.5 m or covered 0 m to 0.5 m above grade	Above 1.5 m above grade
Minimum setback to exterior side lot line	0 m	0 m	0 m
Minimum setback to interior side lot line	Required building setback		
Minimum setback to rear lot line	0 m	0 m	0 m
Minimum setback to front lot line	0 m	0 m	0 m

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016
Laura Bubanko, Town Clerk



SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Sean McCooey, the organizer of the 33rd annual Fort Erie Motorcycle Swap Meet is pictured here sitting on his Gold Wing motorcycle. The swap meet will be held on Sunday, May 1 at the Crystal Ridge Arena.

Motorcycle enthusiasts revving up for swap meet

SARAH FERGUSON
 Fort Erie Times

Motorcycle enthusiasts won't want to miss the 33rd Fort Erie Motorcycle Swap Meet.

"People are starting to catch on to this event. It's also the first ride of the season," the swap meet's organizer, Sean McCooey, said.

The annual swap meet, scheduled for Sunday, May 1, is quickly becoming well known to motorcycle riders, drawing thousands of people from the Greater Toronto area and over the river in Western New York to Fort Erie.

The event is similar to the motorcycle rally held every Friday the 13th in Port Dover, Ont., McCooey said.

The meet is an excellent opportunity to bring visitors to the community to share their passion for motorcycles. It also brings with it plenty of business for restaurants and stores, which is one of the reasons McCooey decided to start the event over three decades ago.

"I originally started the meet because I wanted to bring people to Fort Erie, create an opportunity for tourism, sell some bike parts I had and raise some money for charity."

The swap meet, which has become "the largest parts meet in Ontario," will feature 150 vendors.

Back by popular demand, the Canadian National Tear Down will take place at 2 p.m.

This year, the tear down will feature a member of the Canadian military verses a member of the U.S. military.

Both participants will be given a time limit to "completely shred" one of two running Gold Wing motorcycles. The person who dismantles his or her motorcycle the quickest will be declared the winner.

"Fort Erie has got to step up and be there to support our Canadian military member because the rumour is there will be a bus load of Americans military (members) coming to cheer on their guy," McCooey said.

The event will be held at the

Crystal Ridge Arena between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Admission to the swap meet is \$10 per person, or it's free after 2 p.m. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Wounded Warriors, a non-profit charity that supports Canadian soldiers wounded overseas and their families.

For more information about the swap meet visit <http://forteriemotorcycleswapmeet.weebly.com>.

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WHAT: The 33rd Fort Erie Motorcycle Swap Meet

Admission is \$10 per person, or free after 2 p.m.

WHEN: Sunday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: The Crystal Ridge Arena, 99 Ridge Rd.
WHY: The event is held to bring tourism and fun to the community, organizer Sean McCooey said.

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Gillian Corney

Manager of Revenue & Collections

Students reminded to use parkway to walk to school

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"The downtown knows how important this bridge is for them, and it's going to be a showpiece bridge."

Another facet of the bridge closing that has impressed McDermott is the number of kids trying to hop the train tracks to get to school faster. Both Fort Erie Secondary School and Town staff have kept a close eye on students in the area.

McDermott said that, for the most part, kids have had no issue walking down to the river and coming back up Wintemute Street to school.

FESS engaged in an increased awareness campaign last week

and will continue to do so, said Principal Fred Louws.

"We have made announcements, one directly by me to the entire student body and staff, that anyone heading to Jarvis Street and surrounding areas, that with the bridge being closed they need to take the Niagara River Parkway to get there," said Louws in an email.

Unfortunately, Louws was able to share a real-life example with students regarding the dangers of crossing train tracks.

In 2004, FESS student Sean Fowler lost two limbs after trying to pass between trains near the school.

Today, Fowler speaks to students about peer pressure and

making choices to stay safe.

McDermott urges students to remember how dangerous being around trains can be.

"It's definitely not something we encourage them to do."

It should still be a few months before the bridge is officially opened.

Brady and the Bridgeburg Business Improvement Area are urging businesses to stick with it in the interim.

"We just like to encourage people to not let it detract you from coming to the area."

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Volunteer firefighter Winston Woshi was recognized during the Fort Erie Fire and Emergency Services Awards Saturday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex. From left, are Fort Erie Fire Chief Larry Coplen, MPP Wayne Gates, Woshi, Mayor Wayne Redekop, Woshi's wife, Gail, MP Rob Nicholson and Station 3 District Chief Doug Woshi.

Firefighters honoured for their service

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

When there's a fire, Fort Erie's brave men and women are always ready to respond.

"We all know and we all think about the things that firefighters do on a regular basis," Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop said Saturday during the Fort Erie Fire and Emergency Services Awards Banquet held Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex where volunteer firefighters were given awards for five to 40 years of service.

Special guests included Niagara Emergency Medical Services Chief Kevin Smith, Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates and MP Rob Nicholson.

Volunteer firefighters are prepared during times of crisis.

Whether it's a house fire, a vehicle that has ignited in flames, a car crash, or another type of emergency, Redekop said Fort Erie's volunteer firefighters always respond.

"What we don't think about is the role they play in our community," he said.

"The first volunteer fire service was created in the

small town of Fort Erie in 1862," Redekop said.

Since the creation of the volunteer fire service, many of the fire department's volunteer firefighters continue the tradition of organizing community fundraisers, breakfasts, children's activities and other events, in addition to protecting Fort Erie's

residents, homes and businesses from fires.

That's why it's important to recognize the volunteer firefighters for their dedication and service to the community, Redekop told approximately 300 people that attended the ceremony.

"I want to say thank you and congratulate those that serve

our community," he said.

Fire Chief Larry Coplen said it's important to recognize the fire department's volunteers because they are the people who often miss special celebrations such as anniversaries, birthday parties and holidays in order to respond when the alarm bell sounds, signaling an emergency.

"When people thank us we say it's not a big deal, but it is," Coplen said.

He concluded the evening's event by thanking the volunteer firefighters for their service and the Town of Fort Erie for its continued support of the fire department.

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AWARD CATEGORIES AND RECIPIENTS

Department chaplain:
Dave Schaubel for 10 years of service.

Central Fire Station: Matt Warytena and Shaun Phelps for five years of service;

Duane Nanson, 10 years of service; Tim Petrushak, 15 years of service; Bruce Dale and Chris Greaves for 20 years of service.

Fire Station 3: Kathie Bath, Michael Brisobols and Richard Wren, five years of service; Larry Carroll and Ed McLarnon, 10 years of service; Jason Bath, 15 years of service; Bill Pasinsky, 30 years of service.

Fire Station 4: Jason Cudmore, 20 years of service.

Fire Station 5: James Clements, five years of service; Jeff Brunning, 15 years of service; Dave Dunselth, 20 years of service.

Fire Station 6: Brian Brown, 15 years of service; Doug Atkins, 25 years of service.

Retirement: Winston Woshi, 40 years of service.

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Palliative care unit an important part of the community

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

There's something special about the palliative care unit at the Douglas Memorial Hospital Site.

That's why Scott Maskell feels it's important to support it.

"It's a gem," he said. "There's something really great there and it has wonderful people dealing with a tough time in life."

Maskell knows first-hand what it's like to have a loved one in the palliative care unit. Last year, his grandfather, Ernie Maskell, spent four days there before he died.

"The staff there was just wonderful. They do the best they can to make sure (patients) feel comfortable."

He said the staff go above and beyond the call of duty for patients who are nearing the end of their lives.

Still, there was one thing that was missing during Ernie Maskell's stay. His room didn't have a television in it.

"My dad, (Brian Maskell) had to bring (my grandfather) a TV because they

weren't available in some rooms," Maskell said.

"That's when the light bulb went off for me and my dad. We thought if we were going to give something (back to the community) this year, let's do it and help the palliative (site) out."

The Maskells recently donated 16 televisions worth \$3,200 to the OneFoundation for the Niagara Health System.

The foundation was created in January, 2014 after the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation in Fort Erie amalgamated with other hospital foundations in Niagara including the Greater Niagara General Hospital Foundation in Niagara Falls.

Maskell said the decision was easy because his grandfather also served on the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation board at one time.

Ernie Maskell, a Second World War veteran, returned home from the war and started working in the insurance business at Glenny Insurance in Fort Erie.

His son, Brian, later joined

the business and the tradition continued when Scott Maskell began working beside his father in 2012.

Although the company was recently renamed Erion Insurance, Maskell said giving back to the community is important now more than ever.

He wants people to know how important it is to help the Douglas Memorial Hospital Site and that donations to the foundation can be earmarked for Fort Erie.

"There's a real need in Fort Erie," Maskell said.

"You can talk to the OneFoundation about making a contribution for equipment or products that will remain in Fort Erie."

Mary Sergenese, director of community outreach for the foundation, said each hospital site in Niagara has different needs for medical equipment and other items such as furniture to make a hospital more comfortable for patients.

A complete list of items is available online at www.onefoundationfnhs.com.

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AUSTIN GOODER/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Scott Maskell and Brian Maskell, of Fort Erie, donated televisions to the OneFoundation for the Niagara Health System. The total value of the televisions, which will be used in the palliative care unit at the Douglas Memorial Hospital Site, is \$3,200. From left, are Dennis Randall, Brad Taylor, Brian Maskell, Donna McIntyre, Mary Sergenese and Scott Maskell.

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The gala's success is due in large part to major sponsors, including Fallsview Casino Resort, Rankin Construction Inc., and The Niagara Falls Review, The Standard and The Tribune. The sold-out event, supported by more than 100 student volunteers from a variety of program areas, illustrates our community's dedication to supporting the work Niagara College does in educating and training the next generation of highly-skilled workers.

With 700 business, community and education leaders in attendance, the evening included an historic moment as Niagara College President Dr. Dan Patterson announced the College had received its largest-ever donation – \$2.6 million from the Estate of long-time College supporter, Eva Mary Lewis.

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ARISTON GOODER/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES
Garrison Road Public School partnered with the Peace Bridge Authority to clean up the Friendship Trail near Buffalo Road on Friday, April 22. Seen here are students Alannah Hodgetts and Cassandra Procter.



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Students from Stevensville Public School celebrated Earth Day on Friday, April 22, by cleaning up a portion of the Friendship Trail.

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AUSTIN GOODER/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

A collection of students from Lakeshore, St. Francis and Notre Dame High Schools gathered at Waverly Beach in Fort Erie to plant beach grass on Friday, April 22. Faith Hopkins was one of the students who helped to plant the grass.

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Volunteers team up to improve Waverly Beach

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

With Earth Week celebrations taking place last week, Thursday morning was an appropriate time for a group of environmentally-conscious volunteers to begin a two-day project to enhance Waverly Beach.

The Bert Miller Nature Club partnered with members of the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School's environmental club and the Town of Fort Erie to plant beachgrass to restore the natural beach and sand dune topography at Waverly Beach, Albert Garofalo, a member of the nature club, said.

RCBHS students built and installed three new boardwalks to keep foot

traffic off sensitive dune habitats while improving public access to the beach.

Garofalo said new interpretive signage will also provide information about coastal ecosystems and nearby plants and animals at two locations along the promenade.

The improvements made to Waverly Beach were part of a larger project that the Bert Miller Nature Club has undertaken to enhance and restore natural beach topography and sand dune ecosystems of the Lake Erie coast in the Niagara Peninsula.

The funding for the project was provided by a grant from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund.

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SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

The Bert Miller Nature Club partnered with Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School students and the Town of Fort Erie to make improvements to Waverly Beach. The two-day project, which began last Thursday morning, included the installation of three new boardwalks to keep foot traffic off sensitive dune habitats while improving public access to the beach.

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Support for the theatre

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The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District recently donated \$500 toward the Enbridge Greatness Centre for the Arts fundraising efforts. The money will be used to help construct a new theatre that will be built along with Fort Erie's high school, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, set to open in September 2017. From left, representing Ridgeway-Crystal Beach and Fort Erie Secondary Schools, are students Ryan Bell and Alison Pridham and teachers Doug Gilmour and Sarah Galas.

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Dogs, coyotes suspected in attack that leaves two horses dead

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Joanne Hickey described her five-year-old miniature stallion as "a fighter."

The gentle animal that loved to be around people fought for his life after an animal viciously attacked him last Tuesday morning.

Phantom succumbed to his injuries Monday.

Although Phantom appeared to be improving, he "stopped eating and began to lose weight."

"He was doing well initially. The first couple of days weren't bad but the wounds on his body were just horrible," Hickey said.

"He just couldn't fight the infection caused from the bites."

Last Tuesday, the mini stallion and a pregnant mare, Stella, had broken free from their enclosure and were roaming in the field behind Hickey's Garrison Road farm.

It was shortly after 8 a.m. when Hickey said she noticed they were missing and began searching for them.

"I called the Humane Society and I said, 'they've gotten through a fence and got away so if you get a call, I am looking for loose animals,'" she said.

Hickey called her friend Tracy Kaye to help her look for Phantom and Stella.

At first, Hickey said she didn't recognize Phantom when she spotted him standing on the top of a hill approximately 750 yards from the barn.

"We looked out from the

back deck and I saw Phantom... He just stood there and we called and called his name but he was frozen."

She also spotted a coyote trotting away from Phantom.

"I saw three more coyotes coming across (the field)," Hickey said.

"We had to scream and yell (to scare the coyotes away) from Phantom."

When she approached the horse, Hickey realized he had multiple injuries and was standing still, in shock.

"He had cuts everywhere; his neck, ear, eyes, everywhere. His muscles were ripped and hanging," Hickey said.

Phantom's ears were "almost torn off" but his eyes were in tact.

"Both of his upper and lower eye lids were ripped and hanging," she said.

Hickey and Kaye took off their coats and tried to make a sling with them to help move Phantom to the barn.

They also found Stella, lying down, ravaged by an animal so badly that she and her colt could not be saved.

When veterinarian Matt Nugent arrived, he said he was surprised to see Phantom was still standing.

After four hours and plenty of patience, Nugent said Phantom had approximately 30 stitches across seven different wound sites.

Nugent said Phantom's body "looked like it had been shredded."

Although she didn't witness it, Hickey said she believes the coyotes were responsible for injuring Phantom as well as killing

Stella, and an alpaca named Teddy.

"I didn't see the alpaca, or the other animals taken down but I did see the alpaca laying there and the coyotes eating it."

During the day, Hickey said she saw the pack of coyotes as "they ate and sun-bathed throughout the day" in the field.

She wants the community to be aware of the attack so people with livestock, pets and children use caution and good judgement in wooded areas.

Nugent said he couldn't say with certainty it was a coyote attack that occurred, although the signs point to it.

"But the wounds were pretty significant and I haven't seen coyotes attack in this way before," he said.

Without conducting an investigation, "the nature of the attack sounds like it could have been domestic dogs but at this point it's inconclusive," said Lesley Sampson, executive director of Coyote Watch Canada.

"It very well could have been that (the coyotes) might have started to feed on the nearby dead animals."

According to Sampson, "one kick from a horse would injure a coyote injured" so "it would be risky" for the animal to attack larger animals.

Alpacas are also formidable opponents for wild animals, which is why they are often used as protectors for livestock, she said.

Sampson founded Coyote Watch Canada, a federal

non-profit wildlife organization that advocates positive wildlife experiences through education, research, mediation, intervention, and conflict resolution.

There is a misconception about eastern coyotes like the ones found in Hickey's field.

"Coywolf is a sensational term," Sampson said, used to describe the eastern coyote which shares remnant eastern wolf DNA and western coyote.

"It does not mean these animals are half coyote and half wolf," she said.

Sampson said Coyote Watch Canada is willing to assist the Hickey family, and others who have had similar experiences, to determine future risks on a site where an animal attack occurred.

"When people go through situations and animals have been injured we set up trail cams in order to correctly identify future activity of what's happening in the landscape. There have been situations where we have thought there were wild canines but it was a neighbour's dog that caused the problem," Sampson said.

Sampson also wants the public to know that compensation is available for people who have had animals attacked by coyotes and other wild animals. It's compensation program through the ministry.

"The family has gone through a huge loss and it's very traumatic. We would definitely be open and willing to help the family," she said.



SARAH FERGUSON/CORT ERIE TIMES/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Phantom, a five-year-old miniature stallion, is pictured here after he was attacked by an animal on Tuesday, April 19. His owner, Joanne Hickey, believes the coyotes visiting her farm were responsible for the attack.

About coyotes

- A coywolf, also known as the eastern coyote, share wolf and coyote DNA.
- Eastern coyotes are not more dangerous or more fearless.
- Normal coyote behaviour is to be fearful of people and to be largely nocturnal.
- Coyotes are predators and need to be respected as being a potentially dangerous animal.
- Coyote numbers generally peaked around 2010 across most of south and central Ontario and have been declining or stable ever since.

What to do if you encounter a coyote

- Don't turn your back or run. Back away while remaining calm.
- Use whistles, or make loud noises to frighten an approaching or threatening animal.
- The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry doesn't provide direct coyote control.
- Call 911 if a coyote poses an immediate threat or danger to the public.
- Never attempt to tame a coyote.

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"Our hearts go out to this family, and prayers for Phantom. I hope we get to meet him."

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Deborah Ellis set to visit library to discuss work

ANNIE PASQUARELLO
Special to the Fort Erie Times

Award-winning author and peace activist Deborah Ellis will be coming to local libraries this May to discuss her work.

Much of Ellis' work explores women and children issues, especially those struck by war.

Her latest book, *The Cat at the Wall*, is the story of a little cat who sneaks into a small Palestinian house in the West Bank. The house seems empty, until the cat realizes there is a little boy hiding beneath the floorboards. The book reveals stories about the people trapped in the house.

Ellis has been tackling these tough issues through literature after she went to Afghanistan to help raise money when the Taliban took over in 1996. One of her first books was *Women of Afghan War*. She says through her research and talking to more peo-

ple she decided to write children's books too.

Children of War showcases refugees in Jordan after the Iraq War.

"The children talk about the violence and chaos in the day-to-day event on their lives. They experience loss of family, not being able to go to school and the endless grind of not knowing safety."

Ellis says we are seeing this played out horribly again with refugees from Syria and seeing anti-Muslim propaganda in the upcoming American election. There are many ways for individuals to get involved if they want to help.

"There are practical ways to get involved through aid agencies and anti-poverty and anti-discrimination agencies," she says.

Fort Erie Public Library will be hosting Ellis on Monday May 9 at the Crystal Ridge Branch at 10 a.m., and Pelham Public Library will be bringing the author to St. Alexan-

der Catholic Elementary School at 2 p.m. The event for Pelham was initiated by the newly-formed Teen Advisory Council.

Ellis says young people should learn as much as they can and be critical of information around them and decide what kind of world they want to live in.

"I think youth are doing great things through social media. They have used it to connect and seek the truth. They are discerning what is real and are making their own opinions," she says. "They are learning about different people in other countries."

She says all of these contribute to community building - here and around the world.

Ellis is a passionate advocate for the disenfranchised. She donates most of her royalty income to worthy causes - Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, Street Kids International, the Children in Crisis Fund of IBBY (International

Board on Books for Young People) and UNICEF. She has donated more than \$1 million in royalties from her best-selling Breadwinner books alone.

Ellis says even if she wasn't a published author, she would still be writing.

She has more than 20 books to her credit. She has won the Governor General's Award, the Ruth Schwartz Award, the University of California's Middle East Book Award, Sweden's Peter Pan Prize, the Jane Addams Children's Book Award, and the Vicky Metcalf Award for a Body of Work. Ellis received the Ontario Library Association's President's Award for Exceptional Achievement, and has been named to the Order of Ontario.

For more information on these events, please contact Amy Roebuck in Fort Erie or Elaine Anderson in Pelham. To learn more about Deborah Ellis and her work please visit www.deborahellis.com.



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Author Deborah Ellis will visit the Fort Erie Public Library's Crystal Ridge branch on May 9.

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Purple falls a colourful coincidence

JOHN LAW
Postmedia Network

The world saw the falls go purple last Thursday night, but it wasn't for the reason many thought.

Social media lit up at news the waterfalls would be illuminated in purple for 15 minutes at 10 p.m., with many believing it was a trib-

ute to music icon Prince, who had died earlier that day.

In fact, the decision for purple lights was made two weeks ago by the Niagara Falls Illumination Board, to mark the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. Purple has long symbolized royalty, and is still used by the British Royal Family as a ceremonial

colour.

Shortly after Prince's death was confirmed, some fans took to Twitter suggesting Niagara Falls should go purple last Thursday night. They hardly knew that was the plan all along.

Niagara Parks Commission chairwoman Janice Thomson was floored by the "incredible coincidence."

"Prince was on everyone's mind," she said. "With purple, the immediate translation was thinking of Prince. So it paid tribute to the Queen's birthday and at the same time made people think of Prince."

The decision to go purple was made at the illumination board's last meeting, April 7. An announcement on the

lights was made April 14.

But last Thursday night, it was all about Prince. Several websites and news media outlets commented on the "confusing" purple lights, to go with other landmarks around the world lit purple for the Queen.

By Friday morning, a purple Niagara Falls was the top trending story on Facebook, while #NiagaraFalls was one of the top trenders on Twitter.

"Niagara Falls dressed up in purple last night as fitting tribute to a lost legend. #PurpleForPrince," tweeted Forbes columnist Robert J. Szceberba.

"Wow! Niagara Falls turned purple!" tweeted Philadelphia radio station 104.5 FM. "Coincidence? Yes! But wonderful @prince tribute."

Late Friday morning, Niagara Parks tweeted: "Last night's purple Niagara Falls meant different things to different people & that is okay."

BBC News, Huffington Post, Yahoo! Music, Daily Mail Online and Time all posted about the colourful coincidence. "We are experiencing massive coverage," said Niagara Parks Commission spokeswoman Holly Goertzen.

Thomson said the coverage and photos showed the "beauty of Niagara Falls" and



its ability to garner worldwide attention.

But would the falls have been lit purple for Prince had it not been the Queen's birthday?

Thomson says it isn't "unprecedented" to change the colours on short notice, but it's rare.

"There's a process we go through... we have a vote on it and it can happen, most definitely," she said. "It's happened in the past, when we paid tribute to the birth of Prince George, for example. That was done right away, with blue."

"(But) it's not common. There are real parameters around what the falls can be lit for. That was just very fortuitous last night."

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Remembering Prince



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High school recognized for success

AUSTIN GOODER

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Fort Erie Secondary School is being recognized again for its dedication to student success.

At a banquet dinner on April 13, seven FESS students were recognized for their efforts in this year's DSBN Technological Skills Challenges competition.

Each year, students compete in a broad range of competitions from culinary to machining.

According to Vice Principal Crane Gittins, it enables students to find success in a

field they enjoy.

"It's the result of extremely hard work and dedication, and it's a passion that the students have," Gittins said.

The banquet was an opportunity for students to be directly rewarded for that hard work.

Pauline Cotter, a student who competed in the culinary competition, said the months leading up to competition were difficult but rewarding.

"It took a lot of dedication, and a lot of practice," Cotter said.

Cotter was tasked with creating a fish chowder with

several sides for judges from private restaurants, the college and the Niagara Parks Commission.

"They told us months back what we had to cook, so the last several months have just been me practicing it over and over," Cotter said.

Cotter was awarded the gold medal for her work in the kitchen.

Curtis Miller competed in the precision machining portion of the competition, and received a silver medal for his work in machining precision parts to make a small truck and trailer.

Miller sees the value in

allowing students to reach outside of the classroom.

"It gives you the chance to get real-world experience and see if you actually like it," Miller said.

Kiara Fretz and Caitlyn Brooks won a gold and bronze medal, respectively, in the job interview category.

Fretz, who was drafted into the competition at nearly the last minute, said that the opportunity to be successful in things that aren't necessarily academic is highly rewarding.

"For students who maybe aren't the best in academics, it gives them a real chance to shine and be recognized," Fretz said.

Fretz practiced before a mirror leading up to her evaluation that included answering job-specific questions from a judge.

She said it greatly mirrored

a typical job interview.

Katrina Waters won a gold medal for her baking skills.

She was tasked with making fruit tarts and challah bread, all while keeping safety in mind.

To prepare, Waters said she spent a lot of long nights in the high school's kitchen.

"Many nights it was being here until six to practice and get feedback from staff," Waters said.

Waters emphasized staff support as a necessary part of students developing their skills.

For his photography and editing skills, Jason Haywood also received a gold medal.

His section of the competition included a portfolio section, hands-on shooting and editing.

Haywood runs his own small photography company that he advertises on Facebook.

He mirrors what other students say about getting ready to compete.

"Practicing was definitely the main thing we did," he said.

Lastly, Dalton Bird received a gold medal in the job skills competition.

"My skills were serving and etiquette," said Bird.

He had to demonstrate a complete proficiency at his chosen skill to receive good marks from the judges.

Gittins said the school is "unbelievably proud" of the students and all that they've been able to achieve.

"It shows what students can do when teachers actually take them seriously."

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Seven Fort Erie Secondary School students were recognized for their skill proficiency at the DSBN Technological Skills Competition last week. Medalists included Curtis Miller, Dalton Bird, Pauline Cotter, Caitlin Brooks, Katrina Waters and Jason Haywood. Absent from the photo is Kiara Fretz.



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Sunscreen (at least 30 SPF or higher) should be used generously every 2 hours. It should also be reapplied after sweating, swimming or toweling.

If you feel your skin starting to burn, feel itchy or irritated, Tylenol or Advil can be used. The skin can be cooled down by cold compresses or cold water showers. Alternatively, topical moisturizers or inflammation creams may be used. (Check with your pharmacist for your best solution.)

Some drugs may increase the damaging effect of the sun, therefore be sure to check with your pharmacist if you are on any medication.

I wish you all a happy healthy summer.

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Sunday worship service 11:00 am; on Sodom Road, Ft. Erie, just north of Stevensville, QEW exits 16 & 17.

Falls Comic Con adds Walking Dead star

JOHN LAW
Postmedia Network

One of The Walking Dead's newest cast members is joining this year's Niagara Falls Comic Con.

Tom Payne, who plays Paul 'Jesus' Rovia on the AMC series, will attend all three days of this year's event, June 3 to 5 at the Scotiabank Convention Centre.

He continues a tradition of Walking Dead stars who have been part of Niagara Falls Comic Con, including Scott Wilson (Hershel), Madison Lintz (Sophia) and Chandler Riggs (Carl), who attended twice.

Payne, born in England, got his start on the BBC show Waterloo Road, and was part of the short-lived HBO show Luck in 2010. His films include The Physician (2013) and The Inheritance (2012). He joined the ensemble cast of The Walking Dead in Season 6, which concluded April 3.

Other guests for Nia-



REVIEWS

Tom Payne

gara Falls Comic Con this year include wrestler Shawn Michaels, TV icon Healy Winkler and Sons of Anarchy star Kim Coates. Kevin Smith will host a podcast from the event Saturday night (separate admission).

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Support bee population - stop killing dandelions

The thing about bees is, we can't survive without them.

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Proof of their importance is found in an annual human-engineered migration of bees.

In recent years, truck loads of bees have been shipped to the Maritimes each year to pollinate blueberry crops. After that job is done, they're trucked back to pollinate Ontario crops.

One beekeeper told me the trip is "hard on the bees" but necessary if we want to continue to enjoy East Coast blueberries.

The bee arguments are heard most often around the subject of pesticides used by farmers to protect their crops.

Some of these products are killing bees, says the bee lobby.

Grain farmers and, in one case, Health Canada, contend the link between pesticide use and bee deaths hasn't been proven.

Setting that debate aside, let's concentrate on something all of us can do to help the bee population thrive.

We need to stop killing dandelions.

A major Ontario bee-



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Dandelions are an important part of the diet for bees in early spring.

keeper confirms that dandelions are an important part of the diet for bees in early spring.

By letting them grow on our lawns and in our gardens we help maintain the all-important bee population, and reduce the amount of pesticides damaging our world in ways we can only imagine.

If dandelions were more difficult to grow and sold for \$12 a flat at the local garden centre, homeowners would

be tripping over each other to buy their share.

Instead, somehow society has decreed these yellow flowers are the enemy and should be ruthlessly destroyed.

Since many of us can't stay off the golf course or the jogging track long enough to dig them up, we buy and apply pesticides to make our lawns as ordinary and boring as every other one.

Broadcaster June Stoyer said this: "Dandelions, like all

things in nature, are beautiful when you take the time to pay attention to them."

The war on dandelions is all part of the modern worship of all things artificial.

Take the lawn itself. We fertilize it, water it and generally pamper it so it will grow thick and green allowing us to cut it that much

more often.

Then, if we venture outside at all, it's to our outside "rooms" where we're protected from that same grass by concrete slabs.

We're also protected from any real contact with the natural world by umbrellas, insect sprays and zappers not to mention campfires in

fancy metal rings.

Our collective urge to permit green as the only colour in our lawns is destroying nature.

For the sake of bees and all other living creatures, it's time to stop.

Jim Merriam is a columnist for Postmedia Network

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Veteran shares his story about life and the military

I grew up in a town in England.

In my neighbourhood, you had two cancer options; join the military or go to jail. I decided to join the military and follow in the footsteps of my grandfather.

At the young age of 16, I was a soldier. This was already a different lifestyle to what I was used to growing up.

Life started hard. I had an extremely violent drunk father who thought it would be fun to shoot me when I was around six months old.

Unfortunately for me, between birth and five years of age, this was probably one of the nicer things he had done to me.

But at 16 years old, I was now a proud soldier. My life in the army took me all over the world into some of the worst most dangerous places you would ever want to be.

I lost both of my grandparents who raised me from the age of five. My grandfather first

(who was a proud military boy himself), and then six weeks later my grandma, who died of a broken heart.

Within the same year of losing the only family that had ever meant anything to me, I lost my childhood friend at the age of 17. We actually shared the same birthday, and on our 17th birthday he was blown up by a roadside bomb in Ireland.

After spending a few more years in the army, I left due to injury.

This was probably by far the worst thing that I would ever do but it would take a few years to really sink in as to what was wrong. So now I found myself out of the military with absolutely no idea what I was going to do.

My first problem was I had no family to turn to and all of my friends were still in the military. I had a friend that said he would like to help but all he had was an old beat up car. I took the gift of the car and was grateful as now I had somewhere to sleep.

I sunk deeper and deeper into depression. I didn't have much money to live on and no idea what was going to happen.

Move forward 10 years I had now had over 20 jobs mainly in the security industry, many failed relationships, living in various apartments and rooms just trying to survive. All this time alcohol was becoming my best friend and I was losing more jobs and more friendships due to drink.

This kind of lifestyle had lasted most of my adult life. Nightmares had gotten easier to handle and by that I meant I was not having them every day. Visions of blood and bodies and explosions certainly takes its toll on anybody.

I met my beautiful wife Tracey two years ago and my life has started falling into place. Not only do I have somebody in my life that is happy to sit and listen to me, she is also very understanding of what I've been through in life and she is now showing me that life can be so

much better.

With my faith in God growing stronger every day and my beautiful family supporting me in all I do and helping me grow stronger, I am now in a position of owner and president of my own K9 security company which is now in its second year.

Additionally, because I am aware of my own struggles with post traumatic stress disorder and knowing what drives a veteran to land on the street and that the support for veterans in North America is diminishing, I am now the CEO of BRING TH3M HOME.

This charity I have started along with my best friend John Eriksson, focuses on getting veterans the support they need to keep them off the streets and helping them re-acclimate to life as a civilian. And for our serving heroes that have found themselves without a place to lay their head, BRING TH3M HOME is dedicated to helping homeless veterans get the support and resources they need to



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Filling the trunk for Garage Sale at the Gale

JOHN LAW
Postmedia Network

How much junk can you fit in the trunk?

Vendors are invited to stuff it and then sell it at the first ever Garage Sale at the Gale, happening June 25 in the Gale Centre parking lot. The huge garage sale invites sellers to book a parking spot and open up their trunk full of treasures starting at 9 a.m.

"Isn't there that saying, one person's junk is another person's treasure?" says Beth Angle of the city's Recreation & Culture Department. "As long as items are safe, legal and family appropriate, vendors may select their own items to sell."

The day-long event will be a fundraiser for the city's Activity Subsidy Fund. Angle is hoping it raises at least \$2,000 for the program, which allows children to participate in sports programs.

"The money in the Activity Subsidy Fund was fundraised, and when it's gone, it's gone," she says. "The (Recreation Committee) started talking about the need to replenish the funds to ensure that it continues for many years to come."

City councillor Mike Strange, Recreation Committee chairwoman Paisley Janvary-Pool, and local volunteer Chris Dabrowski are the organizers. "The idea was really a collaborative between the three and the excitement built quickly by the entire committee," says Angle.

Vendors have until June 1 to apply for their parking spot, at a cost of \$20 (additional profits are \$15). They retain all profits from the sale of their items, but they cannot sell any food or beverages.

Vendors must take all unsold items with them. "There will be absolutely no dumping," says Angle.

Gates will open to the public at 9 a.m., and retired machinist Jan Dabrowski will be there. He intends to load his SUV with tools he no longer needs, along with some board games and other stuff his wife wants out of the garage.

"I'm looking forward to it, and it's helping out the community too," he says. Angle hopes to see at least 100 vendors pop their trunks.

Applications can be found at www.niagara-falls.ca, the MacBain Community Centre or the Gale Centre.

WANT TO GO?

What: Garage Sale at the Gale

When: June 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Gale Centre; 5152 Thorold Stone Road; Niagara Falls



MIKE DINATISTA/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Jan Dabrowski with some of his stuff he'll be selling at the Garage Sale being held in the parking lot of the Gale Centre in Niagara Falls, on June 25. The huge garage sale invites sellers to book a parking spot and sell a trunk full of treasures.

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Badminton Olympians Charmaine Reid and Nicole Grether visited St. George Catholic Elementary School last Friday. Sponsored by Canadian Tire Jumpstart, the athletes talked about their Olympic experiences and inspired children to be active, set goals and aim high, while demonstrating badminton skills.



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Fenian Sword Found!

In 1934 Russell Teal, exploring the Ridgeway battlefield grounds from his family's nearby home, found this sword in the hollow of a tree where it had been hidden from view for 68 years. The *Toronto Daily Star* featured his discovery in an article (Getty Images photo at left).

This sword was made c. 1836 at the Ames Manufacturing Co. in Massachusetts. They supplied swords during the U.S. Civil War (1861-65).

In 1866 many veterans of the Civil War joined the Fenian Army and fought at the Battle of Ridgeway. They were equipped with weapons from the Civil War. The fate of this particular Fenian officer is unknown, but for whatever reason, his sword was hidden in this tree, where it remained hidden until 1934 when it was discovered by Russell.

Later in life, Russell gave it to his friend and neighbour, Hector Renaudette. Hector cared for the sword over the years and in 2015 the Fort Erie Historical Museum acquired it from him.

Now 150 years after the battle, this Fenian officer's sword will be on display for the first time at the upcoming Battle of Ridgeway anniversary event on Saturday June 4th.

The sword display will be part of the festival which takes place at Crystal Ridge Arena between 3:00 - 6:30 pm. After June 4th, it can be seen at the Fort Erie Historical Museum, 402 Ridge Road. Many other Battle of Ridgeway artifacts can also be seen during the June 4th festival. For further information contact the Museum at 905-894-5322 or at <www.museum.foterie.ca>.



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Bouquet for a nurse

A large bouquet for the nurse who stayed with my wife when she tripped and fell at the clinic beside Douglas Memorial Hospital. The ambulance took 45 minutes to arrive and she stayed with her until then. We cannot thank her enough and want to thank her personally.

Please give us a chance to do that. Call Doug or Betty at 905-991-0980.

Brick for dog poop bag at Beach

Dog owners are disgusting. There is a pile of bagged dog feces at the Bay Beach entrance. Who is going to clean that up?

Brick for a driver

A huge brick for the jerk who was riding my bumper while I was driving the speed limit down Gorham Road on the morning of April 22. I don't know what you think 50 km is but you certainly didn't want to go that speed. For your safety and the safety of others you should obey the speed limit or

leave a little earlier next time. Better yet, you should take the bus.

Brick for people who leave dog poop behind

Bricks for people who do not pick their dog's waste up and a brick for the person who thinks it is part of the natural environment. Dung beetles eat the dung of herbivores and omnivores, and prefer that produced by the former. A herbivore is an animal adapted to eating plant material and omnivores eat plants. Dogs eat meat, grains etc so it's not a diet for a dung beetle. Also dog poop isn't a part of the natural environment. Why do we diaper babies seems their poop, according to your thinking, is also part of the natural environment. So do not let the poop lie pick it up please.

Brick for business owner

A big moldy brick for a business owner that fired a host (with no warning) for being "too sad" following the loss of his best friend. Shame on you! You lost a great host along with a lot of customers!

Send us your bricks and bouquets

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Skating achieves top honours



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The Crystal Ridge Skating Club recently competed in the Niagara Invitational Skating Competition in Buffalo, NY. From left, are medalists Kennedy Glasser, 1st in Spins and 3rd in Compulsory Moves and Jumps; Shelby Burnison, 2nd in Compulsory Moves, 3rd in Jumps, 3rd in Team Compulsory Moves, 4th in Pre-Juvenile Free Skate and 5th in Music Interpretation; Karli Flake, 1st in Jumps, 2nd in Spins, 2nd in Pre-Juvenile Free Skate and 3rd for Music Interpretation; Skye Martin, 1st in Compulsory Jumps, 1st in Pre-Juvenile Free Skate, 3rd in Spins, 4th in Music Interpretation, 4th in Jumps and 4th in Team Compulsory Moves; Corrina Renshaw, 1st in Jumps, 3rd in Preliminary Free Skate, 4th in Spins and 4th in Team Compulsory Moves; Abigail Reed, 2nd in Pre-Preliminary Free Skate and 5th in Compulsory Moves; Lauryn mowers, 3rd in Spins, 4th in Pre-Juvenile Free Skate, 4th in Team Compulsory Moves, 5th in Jumps; Olivia Sandel, 4th in Compulsory Moves and 6th in Jumps; Isabelle Aquilina, 4th in Compulsory Moves and 5th in Jumps; Sadie Denham, 3rd in Jumps, 4th in Compulsory Moves, 4th in Team Compulsory Moves, 5th in Spins and 5th in Preliminary Free Skate.

Grappling champion



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Jen Godin, of Dayboll-Pascuzzi Jiu-Jitsu in Fort Erie, attended the New York State Grappling Championship held April 23, in Fredonia, NY and won the title in the 145-pound beginner-intermediate division.

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CHESHIRE, Maurice - Peacefully on
 April 21, 2016 at Douglas Memorial
 Hospital in his 92nd year. Beloved husband
 to Muriel for 68 years. Cherished father of
 Susan (John Poluszewich) Ingram and Mark
 (Nancy) Cheshire. Grandfather to Tim,
 Christine, John & Kristopher (Grace), great
 grandfather to Alyssa, Benjamin, Nikola,
 Tyler, Ryan, Sarentha, Kaitlyn, John,
 Nicholas, Landon & Levi. Maurice was a
 veteran of WWII and a member of the
 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71,
 Williams Funeral Services 722
 Ridge Rd. North, Ridgeway entrusted with
 arrangements. Family and friends were
 received on Sunday evening from 7-9 p.m.
 A service to celebrate Maurice's life was
 held in the chapel on Monday morning at 11
 o'clock. Cremation to follow. For those who
 wish donations may be made to the Red
 Cross.

BARTY, Shirley May (Grant) - It is with
 heavy hearts the passing of our dear mom,
 nanny and sister on April 18, 2016. Mom was
 a very loving, giving woman, who always put
 others before herself and never asked for any-
 thing in return. Her love for her family was
 always felt! May she rest in peace and finally
 be reunited with her daddy girl Cindy May,
 husband Richard, sisters Bess & Vera and
 brother Chuck). She leaves behind her son
 Wayne (Ann) and daughter Wendy (Wally)
 and six grandchildren. A very special Thank-
 You to Dr. Scher of Douglas Memorial Hospital
 palliative care & staff and to Welland Hospital
 emergency Doctors & Nurses who cared for Mom!
 Lovingly remembered in our hearts
 forever! Till we meet again. Cremation has
 taken place as per Mom's wishes!

NICKERSON, Christine - Passed away
 peacefully in her 72nd year at the Welland
 County General Hospital. Predeceased by
 her beloved husband Stanley. Survived by
 her sons Victor (Lore), Ken (Nicole) and
 grandchildren Alex, Brittany, Brandon,
 Brooke, Laine, Justine and Madison. In lieu
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Whatever joy or grief be ours,
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Sadly missed and forever in our
hearts, Cindy, Gerry, Melissa, Joe,
Stephanie, Dan, Billy, Kayla,
Justine, and Julia



"Cooper"
Michael Cooper
April 25, 2012

Someone is missing from our family,
yet we still go on.
Our lives are touched by him
changed forever by his brief existence,
His memory we keep alive,
He lives only in our hearts and minds
We were blessed by his short life
Our love for him forever strong
We miss and love you very much!

Sadly missed, forever loved always,
your sister, Amy, Jenna, Kayla, Destiny,
Tony and Aurora

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TO
FRED ROSSI SENIOR
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have you as a Father. You are the only one that
I love & care about in my life, you was the only
person who raised me & been there for me,
You were a mother, a father, & a best friend in
my life.
You're the only family I got!
Love you Dad
As for my family who have passed
Mog Marie, Anselmo and Adelina Rossi
I love you so much & I miss you a lot
God Bless
From Fred (Freddy) Rossi Jr

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HUMPHREYS, Edwin (Bob) William -
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April 29th, 2015

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He was such a good friend to so many
people and loved by many. There is not
a day that goes by that we don't love
and remember him. Remember what
you said to me, Donald,
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Love from Lynnda, Chris and Courtney

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of things almost despaired of, pray for me who am
so miserable, make use I implore thee of that
particular privilege accorded to thee to bring
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despaired of, come to my assistance in the great
need that I may receive the consolation & succor
of heaven in all my necessities, sufferings and
tribulations, particularly St. Jude (make request), I
promise Oh blessed St. Jude to be ever mindful of
this great favour, to always honour thee with God
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